

In re Application of: Stopczynski, Lawrence Gerard
Response to January 10, 2005 Final Office Action
Serial No : 10/635,893
Customer Number: 46796
Attorney Docket No.: FORD5

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-17 and rejected Claims 18-19. Applicant thanks the Examiner with appreciation for allowing Claims 1-17. Applicant also thanks the Examiner with appreciation for speaking with Applicant's undersigned attorney on February 11, 2005 regarding submitting clarifying amendments in response to the Final Office Action to place Claims 18-19 in condition for allowance.

No new matter is believed to be introduced by the clarifying amendments. After entry of this Response and Amendment, Claims 1-19 remain pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present Response places Claims 18-19 in condition for allowance. Claims 18-19, as amended, clarify Applicant's claimed invention and are patentable over the cited combination. Specifically, Claim 18 now includes:

a controller to establish a plurality of vehicle operational criteria associated with a plurality of vehicle operational safety modes;

wherein said controller is adapted to determine said coverage area for said vehicle operational criteria and said vehicle operational safety modes, receive a status parameter corresponding to an operational status of said vehicle, and activate at least one of the beams for scanning said coverage area when said status parameter meets said vehicle operational criteria; and

wherein said controller is further adapted to simultaneously operate the plurality of vehicle operational safety modes.

Applicant submits that cited combination does not suggest or disclose Applicant's claimed invention as claimed in amended Claim 18. Further, Applicant also submits that Claim 19, as amended, is also allowable for the further limitations contained therein. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the § 103 rejection to Claims 18-19 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is a complete response under 37 CFR § 1.116 to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2005. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-19 are patentable and respectfully requests passing of this Application in due course of patent office business. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

If the Examiner believes there are other issues that can be resolved by a telephone interview, or there are any informalities that remain in the application which may be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to Hunter Yancey at (404) 885-3696 is respectfully solicited.

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